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FIRST FOCUS

Study: COVID-19 fatality rate on the decline

The COVID-19 fatality rate declined by 30% since March/April due to improved treatment strategies, according to a new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Metrics and Evaluation. The percentage of people killed by COVID-19 in the US has now dropped to about 0.6% from 0.9% at the start of the pandemic, suggesting that physicians have found better ways to treat patients, such as by using oxygen support, said Dr. David A. Asch, MD, PhD, director of the CDC's NHSN Metrics and Evaluation. Murray said.

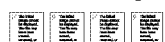
Full Story: Reuters (11/12)



ACOs outperform other alternative payment models

Data from the last eight years of Medicare experimentation showed population health models such as accountable care organizations (ACOs) outperformed narrowly focused alternative payment models in delivering high-quality care at lower costs, according to Clifford Chance, a leading law firm. Data revealed ACOs cut Medicare costs by up to 2% per year, which translates to almost \$100 million over 10 years, while an analysis of CMS public use files showed ACOs also received a high average quality score.

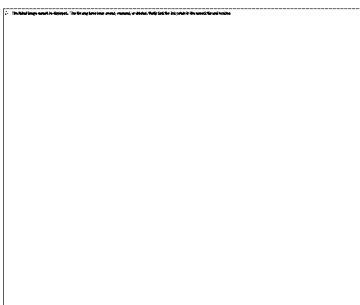
Full Story: Health Affairs Blog (11/12)



Study links IV iron to fewer HF readmissions

A study published in The Lancet linked intravenous ferric carboxymaltose treatments for iron-deficient patients to a 10% reduction in total HF hospital readmissions. "Iron deficiency should be searched in patients hospitalized with acute heart failure and is now an important therapeutic target," researcher Dr. Piotr Ponikowski told the virtual American Heart Association meeting.

Full Story: Medscape (free registration) (11/13)



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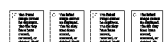
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PRACTICE & HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT

How health systems can succeed in value-based care shift

Health systems wanting to shift to value-based care models to improve their finances should optimize care management model such as the capability to effectively outreach to high-risk patients, according to Lumeris' national vice president and medical officer Jeffrey Gleason. To ensure successful transition, health systems must also learn to align their incentives and create a strong network structure.

Full Story: Becker's Hospital CFO Report (11/13)



Study analyzes physician office visit trends

A study of individuals with employer-sponsored health insurance found the overall number of in-person physician office visits compared with the same months in 2019 and 2018, and white patients and those with higher incomes had fewer visits than people with lower income levels. The findings in JAMA Network Open also showed telehealth use was more frequent among patients with higher incomes in March and April, compared with patients of color and those with lower incomes.

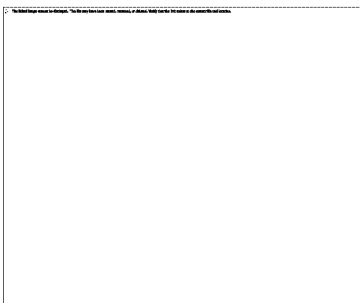
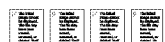
Full Story: Medical Economics (11/11)



La. health system opening clinics in underserved areas

Ochsner Health will spend \$100 million in the next five years to build 15 health centers in underserved communities, using geomapping to select locations where the clinics will have the highest impact, says CEO Warner Thomas. The centers will link patients with social service organizations and will offer telehealth and other digital tools for routine care.

Full Story: The Times-Picayune | The New Orleans Advocate (11/13)



Ready to reopen your office? Workplace safety is #1

Many companies are ready to open back up and workers are eager to return to the office. However, the reopening plan hinges on companies providing a safe work environment. This Q&A with Niraj Patel, CEO at DMI Inc., covers the steps companies need to take to re-open and how technology and safety protocols are being followed to stay open. [Read now](#)

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Virtual hospital model for COVID-19 shows good outcomes

Data from a hospital-at-home telemedicine program involving 1,477 patients with COVID-19 pneumonia showed that 10% required mechanical ventilation and two died, researchers reported in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The program had a virtual on-call physician, a virtual nurse each day, and a virtual acute care unit that included monitoring at least three times daily with access to a virtual intensive care unit.

Full Story: [MedPage Today](#) (free registration) (11/13)



The State of Human Experience in the Workplace

Things have sped up in the workplace in 2020. This is due to a range of issues such as the impact of the pandemic on business performance, and the kind of technological advancements that change the way we work to a great extent. [Read more about how to overcome these challenges.](#)

PREVENTION & RESEARCH NEWS

TBE linked to weight loss for patients with obesity

Patients with obesity who underwent transcatheter bariatric embolotherapy of the left gastric artery lost an average of 6.6 pounds more than patients in a control group, according to a study in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons. The procedure was associated with device-related complications, but patients reported some nausea, vomiting and epigastric pain after the procedure.

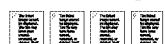
Full Story: MedPage Today (free registration) (11/9)



Rivaroxaban similar to warfarin in subset of AF patients

Rivaroxaban showed similar results to warfarin in patients with atrial fibrillation and a bioprosthetic mitral valve, according to a study presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions. The study was published in the Journal of Medicine. Dr. Donald Lloyd-Jones of Northwestern University commented that the study results could have implications for patients with AF.

Full Story: MedPage Today (free registration) (11/14)



OTHER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Azar: FDA to expedite review of Pfizer, Moderna vaccines**
The Hill (11/16)
- **States consider complex logistics of COVID-19 vaccine rollout**
The Associated Press (11/12)
- **Trump plans to proceed with proposal to lower drug prices**
The Hill (11/16)

ACC NEWS

LAAO Registry Data Shed Light on Post-Discharge Treatment, Outcomes

Few patients undergoing implantation of the WATCHMAN left atrial appendage occlusion device receive post-discharge anticoagulation, according to a study presented at AHA 2020. The study, which used data from ACC's LAAO Registry, found that only about 10% of patients received post-discharge anticoagulation.

procedural anticoagulation and antiplatelet therapy, as well as associated outcomes. Patients who received warfarin with aspirin had lower rates of any adverse event or major adverse event, compared with those receiving warfarin with aspirin. The "findings should inform future LAAO trials," the researchers noted. Read more.

Webinar: Methodology For TAVR Public Reporting, U.S. News & World Report

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. ET for an informative webinar to learn about the methodologies for TAVR public reporting program and U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital rankings for TAVR. During the 90-minute process to enroll in public reporting for the STS/ACC TVT Registry and rollout timeline. Register now.



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Sometimes you've got to go to the wrong place just to show that you

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actor, producer



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